

REMARKS

Reconsideration of above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 2 as currently amended are presented for consideration.

Independent claim 1 has been amended in a sincere effort to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Fukumitsu et al. (US 6,141,052) in view of Wakabayashi et al. (US 5,903,706).

The Examiner had taken a broad reading of what comprises a shaft and bearing member and quoted a definition from Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. In a sincere effort to overcome that rejection, Applicant's have presented newly revised claim 1 which now provides further details of construction present in the application which are not taught or disclosed by any combination of Fukumitsu et al. and Wakabayashi et al.

The claim has now been amended to recite details of construction, as best shown in Fig. 9B, wherein the accommodation means includes a first shaft 112a at one end thereof and a second shaft 120 at the other end thereof which is insertable within the accommodation means at the other end. The second shaft member 120 includes an extending portion 121 which fits within the accommodation means to which is attached the lens assembly. No such structure is taught or suggested by Fukumitsu et al., in combination with Wakabayashi et al.

Claim 2 which is dependent on claim 1 is believed to be allowable as well as the basic references, Fukumitsu et al. and Wakabayashi et al., fail to disclose this structure.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

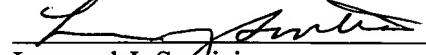
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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